

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Introduction

Claims 1-22, 30-79, 81-86 and 88 are now pending in this application in which previously withdrawn claims 23-29 have now been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein and claims 9, 81, 84, and 88 have been amended solely to correct typographical errors. Claim 67 has been amended in response to the Examiner's objection to the drawings and not to overcome any prior art. It is respectfully submitted that the pending claims define allowable subject matter.

Amendments to Specification

The Specification has been amended to correct the clerical error noted by the Examiner in page 2, para. 3 of the Office Action. No new matter has been added to the Specification.

Amendments to Drawings

Applicants thank the Examiner for approving the replacement sheets for Figs. 4, 5 and 13A. New formal drawings for these figures are submitted herewith.

Regarding the Examiner's objection to the drawings relating to claim 67 (page 3, para. 5 of the Office Action), Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to amended claim 67 and pages 36-37 of the Specification as amended herein. As amended, page 37 lines 9-14 paragraph [0139] of the Specification states, "The virtual reality system, in one example, places the user in a three-dimensional representation of the facility", and that "portable device 400", may be used to present the virtual facility to a user. Portable device 400 is depicted in Fig. 10. As shown in Fig. 10, portable device 400 includes a display 405. A description of portable device display 405 is included beginning at page 34 line 32 and extending through page 36 line 10 (paras. [0131]- [0135]) of the Specification. As described therein, "in one example, display 405 provides a map of the facility." (Page 35 line 16, para. [0133]). "In one embodiment, the map is a three-dimensional map." (Page 36 lines 3-5, para [0135]) (emphasis added).

Applicants therefore respectfully submit that Fig. 10, which includes a display 405 capable of presenting a three dimensional representation of the facility, shows the claimed features. In particular, Applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's suggestion at Page 3 para. 10 of the Office Action that claim 67 requires a reference to the "goggles" mentioned in the

Specification. The specification clearly indicates that goggles may be used in one embodiment of the virtual facility: “The virtual facility may be presented to a user or caregiver through a virtual facility interface, such as portable device 400, through a computer interface located within the facility,... or through a virtual reality system including goggles.” (Page 37 lines 9-12, para. [0137]) (emphasis added). Accordingly, Applicants respectfully maintain that no amendment to the drawings is necessary and request that the objection be withdrawn.

Claim Objections

Claims 9-10 are objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(a). Claim 9 is now amended solely to correct the typographical error and antecedent basis issue. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the objection be withdrawn.

Claim rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112

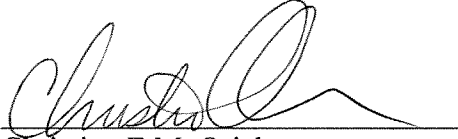
Claims 81-86 and 88 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Applicants have amended claims 81-86 and 88 solely to depend from claim 65. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw the rejection.

Final Remarks

Applicants submit that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. The Examiner is asked to call Applicant’s attorney, Christine E.M. Orich at (317) 684-5414 to address any outstanding issues in order to expedite the prosecution of this application for all parties.

If necessary, Applicants request that this Amendment be considered a request for an extension of time for a time appropriate for the response to be timely filed. Applicants request that any required fees needed beyond those submitted with this Amendment be charged to the account of Bose McKinney & Evans LLP, Deposit Account Number 02-3223.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Christine E.M. Orich', written over a horizontal line.

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